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Serial No. 09/514,338 : Group Art Unit 3682
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STEERING WHEEL AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 15, 2002, a three month extension of time
being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 15 and 28 as shown below.

15. (Amended) A steering wheel comprising:

an annular rim section including:

a core; and

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arcuate-shaped and elongated rim elements mounted on said core, each of said
elongated rim elements being formed of thermosoftening synthetic resin material blended with
woodmeal so as to form an annular streak pattern on an outer surface of each of said elongated
rim elements and extending along a longitudinal axis of each of said elongated rim elements.

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28. (Amended) The steering wheel of claim 15, wherein said arcuate rim elements
include a first rim element having a longitudinal notch formed therein for receiving said core, and